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SUBJECT: CODEL VISIT TO RHODESIA

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1. AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY FOURIE DURING FUNCTION AT FOURIE'S HOME SUNDAY EVENING. FOURIE APPRECIATED OUR CONCERN AT POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS CODEL VISIT TO RHODESIA COULD HAVE AT THIS TIME AND GAVE IMPRESSION SAG SHARED CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT VISIT MIGHT GIVE SMITH REGIME FALSE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE ABOUT SUPPORT IN US AND THUS AFFECT RHODESIAN WILLINGNESS NEGOTIATE WITH ANC. HOWEVER, WITHOUT GIVING REASONS, FOURIE SAID SAG WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE ITS CONCERNS KNOWN TO US CONGRESSMEN CONCERNED AND WOULD NOT WISH USG TO MENTION SAG VIEWS. ON OTHER HAND, HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO CALL CONGRESSMEN AND EXPRESS ITS OWN CONCERNS ABOUT EFFECT THEIR VISIT MIGHT HAVE ON NEGOTIATING ATTITUDES IN RHODESIA.

2. SINCE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY CONVEYED USG CONCERNS TO CODEL AND SAG IS UNWILLING TO BE QUOTED AS SHARING OUR CONCERN, WE DOUBT THAT FURTHER EMBASSY APPROACH WOULD BE USEFUL AND DO NOT PROPOSE TO RAISE MATTER FURTHER UNLESS INSTRUCTED BY DEPARTMENT.

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3. ACCORDING THIS MORNING'S CAPE TIMES, CONGRESSMAN DENT, LEHORD, AND RUNNELS START 2-WEEK VISIT TO SA AND RHODESIA BY MEETING SA INFORMATION MINISTER CONNIE MULDER IN CAPE TOWN TODAY. PAPER SAYS THEY WILL ALSO MEET MINISTER OF MINES PIET KOORNHOF AND ARE EXPECTED VISIT SIMONSTOWN AND THE SILVERMINE COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE. THE HAVE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN SOUTH AFRICA'S COAL GASSIFICATION TECHNIQUE. ARTICLE REMARKS THAT ALTHOUGH THE THREE ARE ALL DEMOCRATS, THEY "ARE ALL CONSIDERED TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO WHITE SOUTHERN AFRICA."
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